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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y F O R F O R M A T

1. CABLE ON NOTE TO THAI GOVERNMENT RE MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT APPROVED WITH CHANGES. FIRST SECTION NOW READS QUOTE: THE UNITED STATES REGRETS THE MISUNDERSTANDINGS THAT HAVE ARISEN BETWEEN THAILAND AND THE UNITED STATES IN REGARD TO THE TEMPORARY PLACEMENT OF MARINES AT UTAPAO TO ASSIST IN THE RECOVERY OF THE SS MAYAGUEZ. THERE IS A LONG TRADITION OF CLOSE AND WARM RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THAILAND, A TRADITION WHICH HAS HELPED OUR TWO COUNTRIES FACE MANY DIFFICULT PERIODS TOGETHER.

TO INFORM THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT OF THE FACTS SURROUNDING THE SEIZURE AND RECOVERY OF THE MAYAGUEZ, THERE IS ENCLOSED AN ACCOUNT OF THE INCIDENT DRAWN SUBSTANTIALLY FROM THE REPORT PRESIDENT FORD SUBMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS ON MAY 15 . AS THIS ACCOUNT DEMONSTRATES, SPEED OF ACTION ESSENTIAL. THE ACTIONS AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF THE NEW CAMBODIAN REGIME INDICATED TO US THAT ANY DELAY IN RECOVERING THE SHIP AND RESCUING THE CREW COULD HAVE HAD THE MOST SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES.

IT IS CLEAR THAT BY ITS ACTION THE UNITED STATES WAS ABLE TO COUNTER A COMMON

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PRESENTED BY THIS ILLEGAL AND UNWARRANTED INTERFERENCE WITH
INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING ROUTES IN THE GULF OF THAILAND.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WISHES TO EXPRESS
ITS UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEM CAUSED THE ROYAL THAI
GOVERNMENT BY THESE PROCEDURES AND WISHES TO REPEAT ITS
REGRET. THE POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO BE
ONE OF RESPECTING THE SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE OF
THAILAND. THE UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT HAVE LED TO THE
RECENT TURN OF EVENTS DO NOT ALTER THIS TRADITIONAL
RELATIONSHIP, AND ARE NOT GOING TO BE REPEATED.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES LOOKS FORWARD TO
WORKING IN HARMONY AND FRIENDSHIP WITH THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT
END QUOTE

2. REMAINDER OF CABLE (ACCOUNT OF INCIDENT ENCLOSURE)
IS APPROVED WITHOUT CHANGE.

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